



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## January 2017 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Meeting:

February 10: Dave Arland of Arland Communications with highlights from the Consumer Electronics Show.

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### Highlights from the December Meeting:

Following are some notes provided by Jim Rinehart, K9RU, from the club's annual Christmas Dinner, held at Primo Banquet Hall:

*"Ann Luther gave a presentation at the IRC Christmas meeting about her trip to Tanzania as part of an American group climbing Mt Kilimanjaro. Tanzania is the 13th largest country in Africa.*

*She described their hotel accommodations (restroom facilities), food, transportation systems, electric and water supply and resources in the different cities the group visited. Everything sounded pretty primitive and with only the basics available. Electricity and water were in short supply. Kilimanjaro sounded like a challenge to climb.*

*She went over the preparation they did to climb the 19 thousand feet Kilimanjaro, the support they received from the people arranging the climb, the primitive conditions and the risk involved. She compared it with their trip to Peru and climbing Machu Pikchu.*

*Ann Luther was a great speaker, with a lot of interesting details about the places she visited with her husband and the American group she traveled with and climbing Mt Kilimanjaro.*

*A lot of people stayed after the meeting to talk with her.*

*Jim K9RU"*

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **2017 EVENTS NEEDING HAM RADIO SUPPORT**

This year, we have:

Sat May 6 Mini Marathon  
Sat May 27 500 Festival Parade  
Sat Aug 5 Indy Air Race [NOT the Red Bull]  
Sat Sep 9 Multiple Sclerosis 100 Mile Bike Ride  
Sat Oct 7 American Diabetes Tour-de-Cure Bike Ride  
Sat Oct 7 Indpls Half Marathon in Lawrence  
Sat Nov 4 Monumental Marathon

SPECIAL NOTE: Sat Oct 7 there are TWO Events taking place; ADA Bike Ride and the Half Marathon in Lawrence. I am working at planning on doing BOTH simultaneously. If you are signed up for both, I will be assigning you to only ONE of them. Stay tuned.

Please let me know if you are volunteering this year.

I am needing volunteers more than ever and with an aging ham radio volunteer pool, I need to plan on replacements. Get those new hams in on this!

Thanks

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## INDIANA ELMER NETWORK CLASSES

The Indiana Elmer Network is holding training classes for General Class (only) ham license on the 1st and 2nd Thursdays in January, February, and March of 2017. Training will take place at the Aviation Institute of Maintenance from 7p.m. to 9p.m. The classrooms are located at 7251 West McCarty Street in Indianapolis. Point your browser to <http://indianaelmernetwork.us/2017-general-amateur-radio-classes/> for more information.

Also, a Technician class is being taught by Gordon KD0EWM and is going to start February 1st and run weekly for 7 weeks. Students are encouraged to study ahead of time and self study is essential to pass. Seating is limited to 16. For more information on the Technician class, point your browser to <http://indianaelmernetwork.us/training/technician-class/>. You can contact Wayne at [ac9hp@arrl.net](mailto:ac9hp@arrl.net) if you have questions or would like to attend.

Testing is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 16 for both of these classes.

## HAMVENTION PLANNERS WORKING ON TRAFFIC FLOW

Tim Duffy, K3LR, of DX Engineering, interviewed Mike Kalter, W8CI, treasurer of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, sponsors of the Hamvention. Following is an excerpt from that interview. For more information, point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/news/hamvention-ready-to-deal-with-anticipated-traffic-flow-at-new-venue>

“We recognized that we needed to reach out to a professional engineering firm that does this [traffic planning] all over the country to help us to work with the local government officials, so that we can have a good solid plan to keep the people flowing in,” Kalter told Duffy.

Kalter said arrangements have been made to have staging areas for those needing to either offload or load equipment from the indoor exhibit areas or the flea market.

He also pointed out that on-site parking would be free, and that no one will have to park in the mud. Kalter said areas set aside for parking are well drained, and he doesn't anticipate any problems, even if it rains during Hamvention. That goes for the flea market

area as well, he said, noting that the arena infield area gets used events in good and bad weather alike.

Kalter said Hamvention expects to be able to post the plan for flea market spaces on its website soon. The layout for indoor vendor and exhibitor booths is already available on the Hamvention website. Kalter said that if everyone who attended Hamvention 2016 at Hara Arena shows up again this year, they will find plenty of room at the new venue. Maps are available on the website.

## **AWARD NOMINEES DUE FOR 2017 HAMVENTION**

The 2017 Hamvention® Awards Committee, chaired by Frank J. Beafore, WS8B, has announced that nominations are open for 2017 awards, sometimes considered the Academy Awards of Amateur Radio. The program will bestow awards for Amateur of the Year, Technical Achievement, Special Achievement, and Club of the Year.

“The Hamvention Awards event has been held since 1955,” a Hamvention news release said. “Over these years, many amateurs have been honored for their dedication and selfless contributions to our avocation and to mankind.” Nominees are invited for these awards.

There are separate nomination forms for individual awards and for the club award. Submit forms via e-mail to [awards@hamvention.org](mailto:awards@hamvention.org) or via USPS to Hamvention Awards Committee, Box 964, Dayton, OH 45401-0964. The nomination period closes on February 1, 2017.

For more information, point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/news/hamvention-solicits-nominations-for-2017-awards>

## **US MAIL RATES INCREASING SLIGHTLY**

Effective Sunday, January 22, the rate for a 1 ounce First-Class Mail Letter will increase to \$0.49 (from \$0.47). Additional ounces for domestic mail will remain at \$0.21 per ounce, and international letters will remain at \$1.15.

## **HENDRICKS COUNTY CLASSES START IN MARCH**

The Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society will be conducting amateur radio license classes every Friday starting March 3, 2017, and running for eight weeks. Classes will be held from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the Hendricks County Senior Services Center, 1201 Sycamore Ln, Danville IN 46122.

A volunteer examiner FCC license testing session will be conducted on the ninth week, April 28, 2017.

All three amateur radio licenses will be taught and tested.

More info is available at <http://www.hcars.org/hamclass>

## **CODE PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATE AVAILABLE**

CW is not dead. In fact, it is still a very viable and popular mode! You can evaluate your Morse Code ability, and get a certificate to confirm your ability through the ARRL's Code Proficiency Program.

Copy one of W1AW's qualifying runs and submit one minute of solid copy (legible) along with your \$10 fee for a certificate to:

W1AW Qualifying Run  
225 Main Street  
Newington, CT USA 06111

There are also endorsement stickers available for up to 40 wpm. For more information, go to <http://www.arrl.org/code-proficiency-certificate>.

## **NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR CONTACTS TOP 1 MILLION!**

Participants in ARRL's National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) program completed more than 1 million contacts! Activators operating from National Park Service units across the US and Chasers around the world pushed the contact tally over its goal in December. ARRL sponsored NPOTA to help the National Park Service celebrate its centennial.

"National Parks on the Air has become one of the most popular events in the history of

the League," NPOTA Administrator Sean Kutzko, KX9X, said. "It's been fun seeing so many hams take part."

Kutzko said NPOTA garnered interest from hams at all proficiency levels, but he was especially gratified to see how it encouraged less-experienced hams to acquire new skills, such as operating a portable station on battery power, learning CW, or discovering digital modes. "Pileups from some activations rivaled those during a major DXpedition -- if only for a few hours at a time," he added.

## **FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER**

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

## **Signals from the Past:**

**From the January-February, 1952 *Amachewer*:**

When we moved to the Servicemen's Center, we were to maintain Saturday and Sunday tours of duty at the Club Station. We are reminded that this has not been done with regularity. Let's put our name on the list now before we are asked again. Plenty of the Servicemen are interested in the station and want to talk about it or see it in operation, so why not put in a Sunday or Saturday afternoon or evening at the station and meet these fellows.

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## **Upcoming Area Radio Events:**

- February 18, 2017: 6th Annual Brownsburg Hamfest. More info at <http://www.hcars.org/hamfest>
- February 25, 2017: Dugger Hamfest. More info at <http://duggerarc.org/>

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